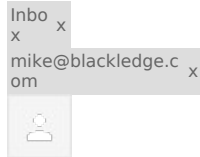


Re: Hello, Dugger?



Doug

Blackledge <choprpilut12@yahoo.com>

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to mike

Hey Dad! Thanks for checking on me. I won't say everything's great, but we're doing good. I know I haven't said much since I've been back... but I think I did send you one of my "How to drive a liberal crazy" e-mails, so I haven't been completely quiet!

I've been "intending" to call you, but by the time I get home during the week, I usually just vej out for awhile... then go to bed. Hopefully I'll follow through and call you later this weekend!

I'm cutting/pasting the latest with my house (By the way, YUCK about all of your broken water pipes! But Yay for the Aardvark! It was probably all of the bugs crawling around that caused the freezing, so naturally, the Aardvark was the logical solution).

(Following cut/paste from what I just wrote to Robin...):

Work is getting busier and busier, but that's good for me. Starting Monday I'm moving (temporarily) up to be the "acting Deputy" A3T, if there is such a title. :) Col Uribe will be gone for 3 weeks, and the current Deputy, Col. Czupka will soon be moving to become the Div Chief of A3J (Readiness), and the real new Deputy hasn't even been ID'd yet, and will probably get here in

the summer, so I'm it for awhile. But I'll also be simultaneously doing Branch Chief duties for A3TO, since the Branch chief is on his AEF deployment until May. Busy busy busy.

The house is undergoing huge construction efforts right now due to a leak in the water pipes, so they tore up all of the flooring upstairs (pipes are underneath the floor) and tore out the drywall in the cellar part downstairs, all in an effort to fix the leak, and repair the water damage (dry it out and prevent/remove mold). So I'm meeting w/ my landlord tomorrow to discuss the "way ahead". I expect that I may have to get the housing office involved, because it's currently borderline unliveable, and after the 2 week dryout period, I don't know what the next phase of construction will be, so that's what I'm trying to get answered tomorrow. :(

I'm highly likely to be leaving Germany by this summer one way or the other, so I'm really not in the mood to move again. We'll see what happens. But Tyson's happy, so I guess that means all is good with the world! I won't start worrying until Tyson looks mopey, which will be never, so I think I'm good.

I'm doing great, just really tired. Lots of work, and now the house. But, as Saddam's Sunni based Ba'ath party discovered when they were toppled, Shi'ite happens. (ha! I just made that up myself! I probably confused which religion went with which, but it sounded good, didn't it?)

Above was part of my response to her e-mail, which included our proposed Separation agreement. I need to run it by lawyers, but I don't know if all of the Ramstein lawyers are "conflicted" out of working with me... so I'll have to figure that out. There's a few parts I have

questions on and/or issues with. Example: she wants any disability portion of my retirement, which I'm pretty sure is specifically NOT included in the Uniformed Servicemembers Spouses Protection Act as "property"... also issues about what all of the lawyer speak means if I don't end up w/ a military retirement. (There is verbiage pertaining to if I get further employment by the US gov't, that she gets her fair share of retirement, etc etc, which I totally disagree with.)

OK... One final piece: My USAA info... for the new account, my AMA DDA# is 71448527

How's that for catching up? :)

We're about to head out to go to dinner at the Macaroni Grill, I will continue with my intent to call you!

Love, Doug

From: Michael Blackledge <mike@blackledge.com>
To: Choprpilut12@yahoo.com
Cc: Mike@Blackledge.com
Sent: Sat, February 5, 2011 9:19:42 AM
Subject: Hello, Dugger?

My beloved son - are you doing OK? Haven't heard much, however I was thinking you had some catching up to do after your return to Landstuhl two weeks ago ..

Love you,
- Dad

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Doug
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to mike

Hey Dad! That's great that you got the new acct transfer set up. I'll make sure to look and confirm that it's going through correctly.

Glad you're having fun with the I-pad! I haven't been using mine much recently since my home "network" is still not set up to let more than 1 device access the internet at a time.... One of these days when I have time. But right now, I simply don't (have time). Been working long days especially since taking over the Deputy Div Chief duties... and tomorrow begins our "big" presentation we do every 6 months with all of the Ops Group Commanders in USAFE. It's the realistic training review board (RTRB) which fortunately, one of the guys who works for me has done the vast majority of the leg work on, but I still have to do the intro and put on a pretty face for the show. :)

Hopefully things slow down a little after this week. The IOS 4 definitely sounds like a winner. I plan to download that ASAP.

Weather is almost starting to look less wintery right now! We've actually had 4 days in a row with above freezing temps! Simone and I went running the other night w/ Tyson at around 9 PM and it was still a comfortable 42 deg or so!

OK, I'm off to bed to get up early tomorrow for the RTRB. I love you and will catch up w/ a phone call soon.

- Doug

From: Michael Blackledge <mike@blackledge.com>
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Sent: Wed, February 9, 2011 7:44:22 PM

Subject: USAA Transfer

Hi, Dugger - thanks again for providing the DDA# for your new USAA AMA. They required 3 business days after I indentify a new account before I can 'use it' so I completed the process this morning.

Starting on 14 Feb 2011, and again on the 14th (or near) of each month thereafter, you should have \$130 transferred into that new USAA AMA. I made it \$130 to distinguish it from the previous transfer amount of \$120. Let me know if you see this come through sometime on/after Monday - thanks!

By the by, USAA now has a 'great' (their words) app for the iPad. I downloaded it yesterday from the app store, but have not tried it out.

Also, since you are 'allowed' up to 5 computers to have iTunes loaded on it for the iPad, I have finally (thanks to George Mayes who conquered some Blue Screens of Death that I could not handle) loaded iTunes onto Bonnie's laptop, and will use that to sync her (yes, it was supposed to be her iPad altho she claims all she has seen it is for about 10 minutes to do a Sudoku) iPad. They (iTunes) alerted me of the new iOS 4 for the iPad, and I think I got that loaded now. Took over an hour, and I lost it once as laptops 'close down' based on some parameters I had not set. So - perhaps I have iOS 4 now, and can 'combine' apps into a folder - like a Games folder, and a News folder, and a Finance folder, whatever you want to call them. Have you changed/updated iOS ?

Love you,
- Dad

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